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SUBJECT: TRUCCO MEETING

1. I LUNCHEDED WITH TRUCCO TODAY.
2. HE HOPES YOU MIGHT MENTION TO SCHWEITZER AND CARVAJAL BEFORE YOU LEAVE THAT YOU (AND I) QUITE AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF SCHWEITZER CAME HERE THIS SUMMER, PERHAPS FOR THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING, CERTAINLY TO MEET WITH CONGRESSMEN.
3. TRUCCO DISCUSSED HIS COUNTRY'S POSITION AT SAN JOSE. I TOLD HIM THAT, AS THE SECRETARY HAD INDICATED AT THE BREAK-FAST WITH CARVAJAL, WE WERE PREPARED TO SUPPORT AND VOTE FOR A FREEDOM OF ACTION RESOLUTION AT AN ORGAN OF CONSULTATION MEETING AT SAN JOSE IF SUCH COMMENDED ITSELF TO A DECISIVE

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MAJORITY OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES. HE PLEADED JURISDICTION;

WHO WOULD CALL SUCH A MEETING OF THE ORGAN, HE SAID, IF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF SAN JOSE WERE ONLY PLENIPOTENTIARIES SENT THERE TO VOTE ON THE RIO TREATY AND NOTHING ELSE. I REPLIED THAT THAT TECHNICAL QUESTION COULD BE SOLVED, IF TWO THIRDS OF THE COUNTRIES WANTED TO DO SO, BY ONE MEANS OR ANOTHER. WE LEFT IT THAT HE SHOULD MEET WITH MAILLIARD TO GO OVER THE U.S. POSITION AGAIN, BEFORE THEY

BOTH LEAVE FOR SAN JOSE.

4. HE WILL PRESENT HIS COUNTRY'S STATEMENT ON THE NEED TO HEAR FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD THIS AFTERNOON AT A PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING.

5. HE MADE CLEAR THAT CHILE REALIZES THAT THE ONLY SERIOUS EFFECT OF THE OAS SANCTIONS IS TO RESTRAIN THE UNITED STATES. TRADE AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS FOR CUBA WITH THE OTHER REMAINING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET INSTITUTED THEM IS A MATTER OF NO CONCERN TO CUBA.

6. I HINTED TO HIM THAT WHEN AND IF THE MATTER OF U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS WERE REMITTED TO BILATERAL CONSIDERATION, CUBA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE HEMISPHERE, AND TOWARD THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION, WOULD BE OF FUNDAMENTAL INTEREST TO US.

7. HE RECITED AGAIN THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE GOC IN MEETING THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST IT HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

8. WE TALKED ARMS AID. I TOLD HIM THAT YOU WERE COMING NEXT WEEK, AND THAT ONE OF THE BASIC PURPOSES OF YOUR VISIT WAS TO EXAMINE, WITH US, THE PROBLEM OF RESUMING ARMS ASSISTANCE. I POINTED OUT THAT WE WANTED TO BE HELPFUL, BUT IN A WAY WHICH AVOIDS THE RISK OF AN EVEN MORE SEVERE CONSTRAINT. THE QUESTION IS A MIXED QUESTION OF LAW AND POLITICS, I SAID. BUT I ADDED THAT WE HOPED TO RESOLVE IT LONG BEFORE THE DEADLINE SET BY PINOCHET IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH YOU, OF WHICH INCIDENTALLY TRUCCO WAS APPARENTLY AWARE.

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9. HE EXPLAINED TO ME THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE APPARENT INVITATION TO HELMS, THURMOND AND MCDONALD. EVIDENTLY THIS INVITATION WAS INSPIRED BY A COUNCIL OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS, DIRECTLY THROUGH THE GOC IN SANTIAGO, WHICH THE GOC EVIDENTLY THOUGHT WAS IN FACT THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS. IN ANY EVENT, AN EMISSARY OF HELMS RECENTLY CAME TO SEE TRUCCO AND TOLD HIM THAT HELMS

REALIZED THAT THE GOC NEEDED FRIENDS, BUT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE QUITE APPROPRIATE IF HELMS WERE IN THE FOREFRONT. THUS, THE EMISSARY SAID, HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD NOT HELP CHILE IF HELMS WENT ON THE PROPOSED TRIP -- AN UNUSUALLY ASTUTE VIEW. IN ANY EVENT, THOUGH, MCDONALD DID NOT SHARE IT, OR WAS NOT TOLD OF THIS IDEA, FOR HE HAS APPARENTLY GONE TO CHILE. TRUCCO WAS EMBARRASSED

ABOUT AN ALLEGED STATEMENT OF MCDONALD'S ABOUT PERU WHICH APPEARED ON THE WIRE SERVICES FRIDAY AND WHICH TRUCCO HAS PROTESTED TO HIS OWN GOVERNMENT. INGERSOLL

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